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Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract at page 37 with the following amended paragraph:

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--~~A thermostat and remote control apparatus, that is made up of a housing, an interface, a plurality of icons on the interface, corresponding to controls for items, a display screen, indicating the current temperature setting, time and date, a recessed program and enter button for entering temperature settings to a thermostat, a clear button for deleting any entered information, a cradle that is used to recharge the apparatus, a universal serial bus port (USB) connecting a computerized device to the apparatus, an RS-232 port to standardize a transmission of serial data between any devices and the apparatus, and a microcontroller for processing information and data.~~ A thermostat and a remote control for universally bi-directional communications therebetween. Each of the thermostat and the remote control include a housing, an interface having a plurality of icons on the interface. Each icon having a correspond control for items, appliances and various other electronics. A display screen for indicating the current temperature setting, time and date. Each of the thermostat and remote control being programmable. The remote control additionally provided with a cradle for recharging the power supply of the remote control. The cradle also providing a universal serial bus port (USB) for connection to a computerized device, an RS-232 port to standardize a transmission of serial data between any devices and the apparatus, and a microcontroller for processing information and data. The apparatus utilizes infrared and radio frequency technology for transmitting and receiving information from various items. A controlled apparatus with a microprocessor (e.g., a child monitor) is also disclosed.--